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STATE OF OREGON,
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This year now drawing to a close has been one of unexampled peace, plenty and prosperity within the borders of the state. It is proper that public acknowledgment should be made to the Great Ruler of the Universe for His innumerable blessings. I do, therefore, designate Thursday, the 29th day of November, as a day of Thanksgiving to Almighty God, to be observed by the whole people of this Commonwealth in token of their gratitude for His great mercies.

In witness thereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the state to be affixed, this, the seventh day of November, A. D., 1888.

SYLVESTER PENNOYER,
Governor.

By the governor:
Geo. W. McBRIDE,
Secretary of State.

THE CAMP-FIRES OF THE G. A. R.

"All I mean by this paper is to encourage the men who 'saved the Union' to be of good cheer," says General Sherman, concluding a breezy little sketch in the North American Review. It is a tribute to the camp-fires of the G. A. R., those gatherings of old comrades to "swap lies" and eat hard tack in memory of the rude times when they hung themselves down about the blazing fagots under the clear heavens to eat their evening fare, tell stories, sing songs and speculate on their chances for life in tomorrow's battle. The old general sees in these gatherings an influence to keep the patriotic blood astir and send into the new generation a thrill of admiration for the old, and create a sentiment of love for the honor and glory of country. These camp-fire yarns will in time "be the warp and woof of history. For mathematical accuracy one should go to the interesting tables of statistics compiled by adjutants general, but for the living, radiant truth commend us to the 'camp-fire.'"

There will be some exaggeration of valor, some extra coloring of heroic deeds, perchance, as men are apt to give modest license to imagination when recounting long past triumphs, achievements, and acts of daring and of courage, "but a sweet angel will blot out these 'stubs,' of invention, and some brave may be pardoned in the soldier who shoulders his crutch and shows how fields were won. Moreover, the camp-fires are both productive and corrective. "They afford opportunities for wit and humor, they prick the bubbles of the boastful and stamp as genuine the pure gold of heroic action and of patient endurance. No man can today go to a camp-fire of any Grand Army post and successfully boast of deeds not genuine without certain exposure."

Another and the higher value of the 4,000 camp-fires now held is

their service in averting the ever-threatening danger that "the next generation may conclude that the wise man stays at home, and leaves the fool to take the kicks and buffets of war," a danger thrust upon the country by the contemptuous treatment of Union soldiers by Democratic legislators and officeholders. "This danger can best be met by just such an organization as the Grand Army of the Republic, with its camp-fires of song and story, to irradiate the gloom of ordinary, humdrum existence, where an auditor of the treasury would measure a 'life' as he would a bushel of spoiled oats." General Sherman is a spirit of loyalty good for this country, and patriotic words from his grim, war-accustomed lips should inspire the hearts of young Americans to choose wisely that which is best for country, home, and manhood.—Inter-Ocean.

KANSAS VS. OREGON.

The most phenomenal snow-storm that ever occurred in Kansas was on the morning of the 9th and continued furiously all day. Trains were delayed. The telegraph wires prostrated in all directions, with the exception of one line in Kansas City. In Atchison over 200 telephone wires were so broken and tangled up with the electric light wires that the electric light works had to be suspended to prevent accidents. The snow-storm was the heaviest that has occurred at any season of the year since 1878. The extent of damage cannot be ascertained, owing to the suspension of telegraphic communication.

Oregon has been getting her usual amount of rain, but nothing like the Kansas blizzard. Kansas alone has not suffered. The storm extended all over the Northwest. Is there any surprise in seeing families leaving those places, for homes in our more favored state?

IT IS IN A FOG.

When doctors disagree who shall decide? A bit of enterprise on the part of the Boston Globe discloses a remarkable difference of opinion among the physicians of that city. A reporter, in perfect health, visited ten prominent Boston doctors and stated non-existent symptoms and requested a diagnosis. The man's appearance physically was perfect. But notwithstanding this, each doctor diagnosed the case in a different way, and each doctor gave the imaginary invalid a different prescription. The diagnoses and prescriptions, together with the interview with each doctor and a statement as to the reporter's elegant health, were published in the Globe.

It is doubtful if in any previous national election there has been anything like the same degree of excellence in party management that has marked the campaign just ended. Both machines were in splendid order, and both central committees made up of the smartest, shrewdest and best posted politicians of the country, men of brains and iron nerves. They sleeplessly watched the enemy and their own forces, and plot and counter plot followed in rapid succession. There have been met and parried with skill and precision worthy of the greatest political duellists of any nation or time.

The word roorback, which is so generally used this year, originated in 1844, when a fictitious story was published for purposes of political intrigue, and which purported to be an extract from the travels of Baron Roorback. The baron's name has thus become a synonym for a campaign lie, although he himself was innocent of any such guile. He was snared against rather than a sinner.

The leading officials and citizens of the Oklahoma section are earnestly interesting themselves in the convention for the opening of Oklahoma called for the 20th. Next to a deep-water port in the gulf, that people deem the opening of the territory the most important.

Cheerfulness.

Emerson says: "Do not hang a dismal picture on your wall, and do not deal with fables and glooms in your conversation." Beecher follows: "Away with these fellows who go howling through life, and all the while passing for birds of Paradise. He that cannot laugh and be gay should look to himself. He should fast and pray until his face breaks forth into light."

Talmage then takes up the strain: "Some people have an idea that they comfort the afflicted when they groan over them. Don't drive a bear through a man's soul. When you bind up a broken bone of the soul, and you want splints, do not make them out of cast iron."

Where Two Roads Part.

Where two roads part we sadly stray,
I turn we each our lonely way.
The paths marked out for us by fate,
In vain to longer wait.
Or pause to find the sweet delay,
I see with sorrow and dismay
That your path stretches far away
From mine—that down its separate
Where two roads part.

Why He Was Called Long John.

Long John Westworth once gave the following account of how he got his nickname: "When," he said, "I was going to school down south in Connecticut I was the longest, skinniest boy you ever saw. I was 14 years old. I used to have the habit in those days of getting my heels up on the seat, so that my knees towered above my head. I was sitting hat way one day in school, when one of the examiners came around. He said to the teacher: 'What's that boy doing standing up on the bench. Why don't you make him sit down?' The teacher said: 'I was sitting down. That's the way he sits,' said the teacher. 'Who is he?' asked the teacher. 'He's a pretty long John,' said the examiner, and ever since then it's stuck to me."

A few years ago the legislature of Connecticut was discussing a woman's suffrage bill. A member arose and denounced the bill, and adled "I don't propose to make a man out of my wife." Another replied, "The gentleman doesn't propose to make a man out of his wife. It would be a blessing for the country if his wife could make a man of him!" The House went wild, and for the time business was suspended.

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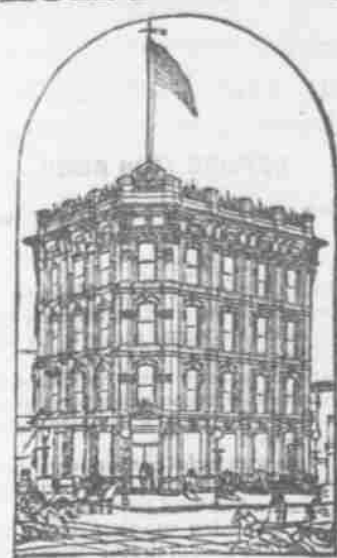
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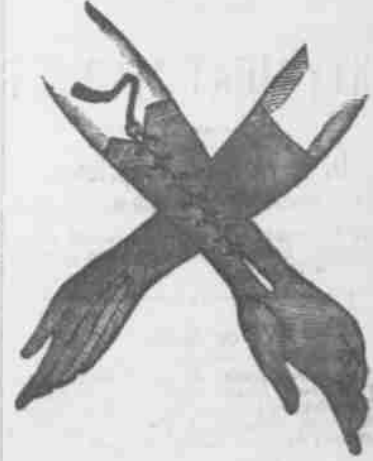
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